

# Busuu language

**Busuu** is an unclassified Southern Bantoid language of Cameroon. R Breton noted in 1986 that there were just 8 speakers left,<sup>[1]</sup> while as of 2005 there were 3 speakers of the language.<sup>[3]</sup> Busuu is an endangered language.

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## Classification

In the Furu-Awa Subdivision in northern Cameroon bordering to Nigeria, three missions of ALCAM (Atlas Linguistique du Cameroun) between 1984 and 1986 investigated three non-Jukunoid languages, among which Bikya and Bishuo are probably Beboid, but Busuu has been unable to be classified. All of these languages were spoken only by a few older inhabitants of the five villages Furu-Awa, (Furu-)Nangwa (Busuu-speaking), (Furu-)Turuwa, (Furu-)Sambari (Bishuo-speaking) and Furubana (Bikya-speaking). Lexical analysis has shown that while Bishuo has 24% lexical similarity with neighbouring Beboid languages, Nsaa and Nooni and Bikya have 16% resp. 17% similarity with them, and Busuu has just 8% resp. 7%.<sup>[4]</sup>

## See also

- Busuu (an online network named after the Busuu language)

## External links

- Multimedia Site about Busuu with a song sung in this language (<http://www.Savebusuu.com>)

## Notes

- Busuu (<https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/bju/>) at *Ethnologue* (18th ed., 2015)
- Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Busuu" (<http://glottolog.org/resource/lanquoid/id/busu1244>). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.

Busuu	
Native to	Cameroon
Region	North West Province, Menchum Division, Furu-Awa Subdivision, Furu-Awa and Furu-Nangwa villages.
Native speakers	(8 cited 1986) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Benue–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Southern Bantoid<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Beboid?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Furu<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Busuu</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	bju
Glottolog	busu1244 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/lanquoid/id/busu1244">http://glottolog.org/resource/lanquoid/id/busu1244</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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